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Public school principals and teachers have a compelling need to understand student rights when teaching constitutional principles that apply to students. This book seeks to help both students and educators understand those rights. The work concerns itself with the fundamental federal constitutional rights of public school students. A study of the subject can help: (1) ensure that students' rights are recognized; (2) educate the young for citizenship; and (3) educate teachers and administrators about possible violations of students' rights. The book addresses the subjects of corporal punishment, freedom of expression, religion, search and seizure, possession of contraband, drug testing, personal appearance, and due process in the wake of suspension or expulsion. Leading cases and relevant statutes in the subject areas discussed are cited in chapter endnotes. (LBG)

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